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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE CIA AND U.S. ARMY APPARENTLY COLLABORATED IN BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL "OPEN AIR" TESTS IN THE STREETS AND VEHICULAR TUNNELS OF NEW YORK CITY IN 1956, SAYS AN ANALYSIS OF SECRET DOCUMENTS MADE AVAILABLE TODAY.

THE ANALYSIS, THE RESULT OF A FOUR-MONTH STUDY BY A CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INVESTIGATIVE GROUP, SHOWS THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITHOUT WARNING TO THE PUBLIC LOOSED UNKNOWN SUBSTANCES FROM AEROSOL DEVICES CONCEALED IN SUITCASES AND FROM THE EXHAUST OF A SPECIALLY MODIFIED 1954 MERCURY.

THE LATEST FINDINGS ARE CONTAINED IN A REPORT TO BE MADE PUBLIC TUESDAY WITH COPIES SENT TO PERTINENT CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES, THE PENTAGON AND THE CIA. UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL OBTAINED AN ADVANCE SUMMARY OF THE REPORT WITH MUCH OF THE RAW MATERIAL ON WHICH IT IS BASED.

ORIGINAL RECORDS OF THE NEW YORK TESTING, CODE NAMED "OPERATION BIG CITY," HAVE EITHER BEEN DESTROYED OR ARE STILL SHIELDED UNDER TOP SECRET CLASSIFICATION.

PREVIOUSLY RELEASED DOCUMENTATION AND CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SHOWED THE CIA AND THE U.S. ARMY'S "SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION" AT FORT DETTRICH, MD., CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF TESTS BETWEEN 1949 AND 1968 APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO GAUGE THE VULNERABILITY OF AMERICAN

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